

# San Luis Head Start and Day Care Center



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**San Luis, Colorado**

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# Project Description

- ❑ Construction completed in 2003
- ❑ Single, one-story, new building
- ❑ Four facility functional areas:
  - ❑ Administration
  - ❑ Classrooms
  - ❑ Commercial kitchen
  - ❑ Playground
- ❑ USDA/Rural Development, Community Facilities Program, construction phase and permanent mortgage financing
- ❑ Sited in a small community in south central Colorado





## San Luis, Colorado

The oldest town in Colorado with an association with Spanish settlement from New Mexico. Population: around 1,000. The town is nestled in the San Luis Valley. The project site is within a National Historic District.



# Owner's Architectural Program

## Objectives

- ❑ Construct a new Head Start Program educational facility
- ❑ Showcase alternative energy strategies
- ❑ Provide wheelchair accessibility to all interior & exterior areas
- ❑ Design using an historic vernacular for a National Historic District
- ❑ Design for a future expansion phase
- ❑ Utilize conventional and innovative construction methodologies
- ❑ Competitively bid the main construction contract



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# Construction Phase Gallery



# Initial Occupancy Phase Gallery



**East administrative entrance**



## Photovoltaic and passive solar gallery



## Classrooms



## Central dining room





**Administrative wing**





**Commercial kitchen  
(nearing completion)**



## **Lenses of conventional and solar ceiling lighting fixtures**



## North entrance



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